HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RUMI!
HAH
AAAHH...
SWAP

TULIP GRAVE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TOSS
I'M...
I'M SORRY, MINAKO.
I DON'T LIKE TULIPS.
THEY MAKE ME ILL AT EASE. I GET A HEADACHE
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW.
I'M SO SORRY.

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL DECORATE MY ROOM WITH THESE FLOWERS.
RUMI, THIS IS FROM MAMA AND ME.
IT'S GORGEOUS!
HOW PRECIOUS! A PEARL NECKLACE!

HEE HEE. THEY WANT ME TO GROW UP TO BE AN ELEGANT LADY!
THEY LOOK BEAUTIFUL ON YOU. YOU'RE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH CARING PARENTS, RUMI.
IN WHICH CASE I SHALL REVEAL MY CHILDHOOD PHOTOS, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING!
HAHA!
I HARDLY REMEMBER THOSE DAYS.

RIP
FALL
REALLY? LET ME SEE.
HM? THESE PAGES ARE GLUED TOGETHER.
FLIP
YOU WERE ADORABLE

AH...!
I'LL GO ASK MY MOTHER.
LOOK AT ALL THE TULIPS..
I WONDER WHO IT IS.
WHO IS HE?
IT WAS IN MY PHOTO ALBUM.
WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?
I... I DON'T KNOW...

OH I KNOW! IT'S YOU FATHER WHEN YOU WERE A KID.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU!
GIVE THAT TO ME!
WHAT'S WRONG MAMA...? PAPA...?

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PAPA..
YOU LIE!
IT'S MY FRIEND'S CHILD
THIS. . HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, RUMI.
IT'S..
IF IT WERE NOTHING, YOU WOULDN'T BE SO FLUSTERED
PAPA SLAPPED ME.
GO TO YOUR ROOM, RUMI

PAPA HAS NEVER HURT ME BEFORE...
I'LL...
YOU STILL CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM, CAN YOU?
YOU KEPT THAT PICTURE...
CREEK
BURN IT..
...LATER.
CREEK

SEIRYO SCHOOL
WELCOMING PARTY FOR NEW STUDENTS
TEA
FAMOUS DANGO
PERHAPS THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT PHOTO AND MY HATE TOWARDS TULIPS.
THE BOY AND THE TULIPS...
THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF SECRET BEHIND THAT PICTURE.
BASEBALL CLUB
CURRY SOUP
HOW ABOUT SOME CUTE ACCESSORIES?
COME ON EVERYBODY! THE UDON HERE IS CHEAP AND TASTY!
UDON
FIFTY YEN FOR ONE BOWL!
BASEBALL CLUB'S SPECIAL STAMINA SOUP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT!

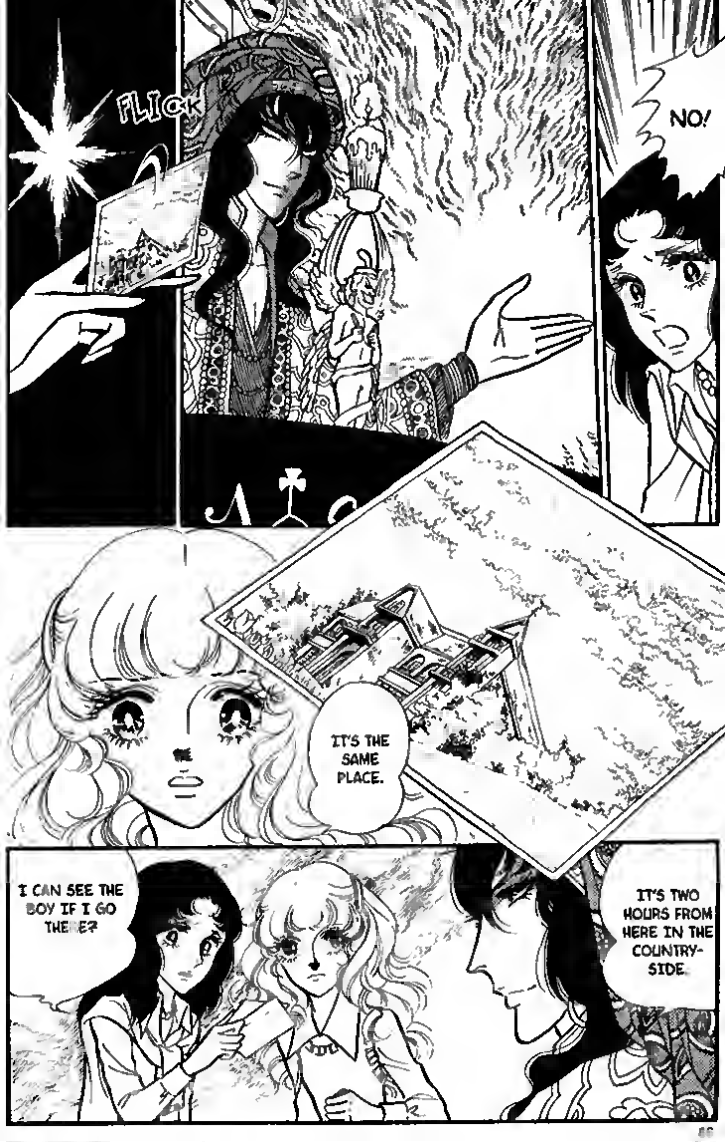
OUR CLASS' BEAUTY QUEEN WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE SURPRISE HOUSE!
HEY! HEY!
SCULPTURES
STAMINA
COFFEE
ORIGINAL
SORIES
WHAT'S WRONG, RUMI?
YOU WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS WELCOMING PARTY.
HEY, DO YOU WANT SOME ANMITSU?
DEVIL'S CLUB
I WONDER WHAT THAT IS.

DEVIL'S CLUB
SEEING THAT THERE BEFORE...
I DON'T REMEMBER...
?
WANT TO GO IN?
ZENZAI
UM.. OKAY...
ANOTHER CURTAIN...
THERE'S ONLY ONE CANDLE.
GEEZ, IT'S DARK.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DEIMOS!
I FIGURED I'D MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM BY OPENING A STAND OF MY OWN
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THAT WANT TO MEET THE DEVIL.
ADONAY
TETRAGRAMM
ATHEOS
LET'S GO
OF COURSE NOT
MINAKO, DO YOU KNOW HIM?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU

RUMI!
I'VE HEARD THAT THE DEVIL IS CAPABLE OF MAKING HUMAN DESIRES AND WISHES COME TRUE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU CAN DO THAT?
IF YOU WISH ME TO, YES
RUMI DON'T! WE SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS.
MINAKO, I'M SERIOUS. I CAN USE THE DEVIL'S HELP.
THAT PICTURE!

PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO MEET THIS BOY.
I TOOK THE PHOTO FROM MY FATHER'S DESK DRAWER.
I'VE BEEN BOTHERED BY THIS BOY EVER SINCE...
I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING I HAVE.
I DON'T MIND.
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THAT WHICH IS MOST PRECIOUS.
CAN YOU HELP ME OR NOT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REGRET THIS?

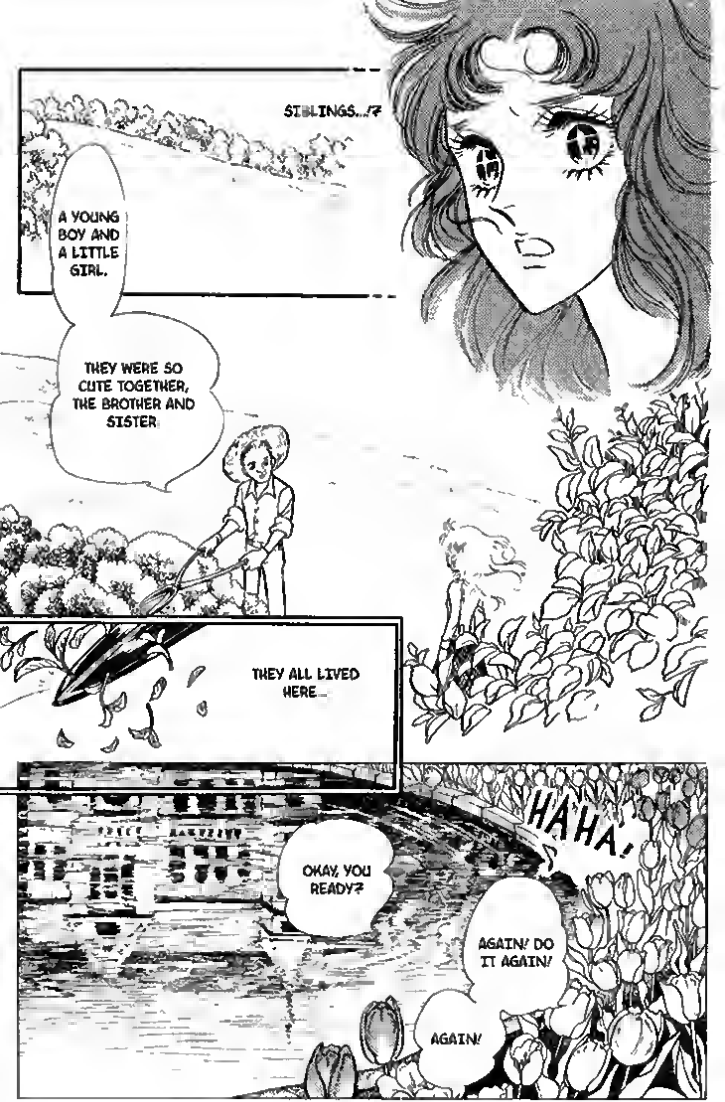

FLICK
NO!
IT'S THE SAME PLACE.
I CAN SEE THE BOY IF I GO THERE?
IT'S TWO HOURS FROM HERE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.

YOU SHOULD JOIN HER AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
ABSOLUTELY!
WAIT! YOU MUSTN'T GO!
RUMI!
DON'T STOP HER, MINAKO

THE PATH SHE TAKES TO HER DEATH IS LIKE A PRELUDE TO YOUR DESTINY
WE'RE HERE AT LAST. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS RUMI?

YOU MUST BE IN PAIN
YEAH. MY MIGRAINES... I FEEL ILL.
BUT SINCE THAT DAY I FEEL AS THOUGH THAT BOY IS CALLING ME.
I CAN'T IGNORE IT.
THERE'S SOME-ONE THERE.
HE MAY KNOW ABOUT THIS HOUSE.
I'LL GO ASK HIM.

IS IT BECAUSE OF THE RED TULIPS?
WHY WOULDN'T IT WERE SIBLINGS.
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
YOU...!
I KNEW YOU'D COME, RUMI.


SIBLINGS...?
A YOUNG BOY AND A LITTLE GIRL.
THEY WERE SO CUTE TOGETHER, THE BROTHER AND SISTER.
THEY ALL LIVED HERE...
HAHA.
OKAY, YOU READY?
AGAIN! DO IT AGAIN!
AGAIN!

HERE WE GO!
SSSHHzzz
AAAH!
WHOOM

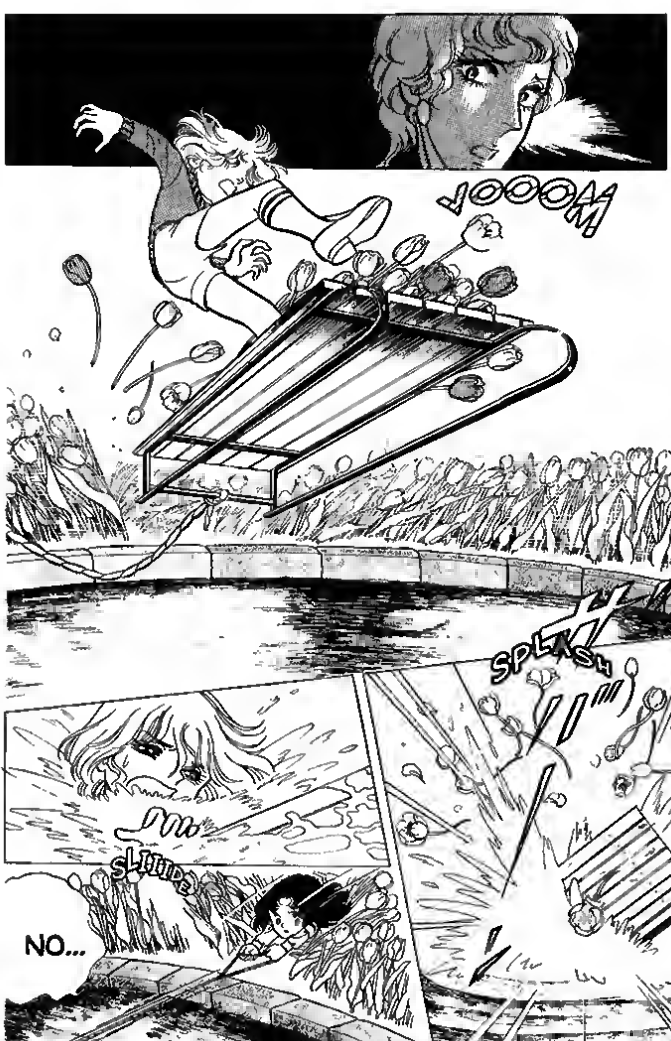
THIS RED TULIP IS THE SAME COLOR AS YOUR SWEATER
LOOK!
HAHAHA...
HEHE...
I LOVE TULIPS THE MOST.
WHY?
I DON'T KNOW.
JUST LIKE I LOVE YOU THE MOST.
ME TOO I LOVE YOU THE MOST!

YEAH!
MORE THAN PAPA AND AUNTIE?
WHY DO YOU CALL MAMA AUNTIE?
SHE'S NOT MY MAMA!
SHE'S NOT MY MAMA!

HIS FATHER SOON REMARRIED BUT...
THE BOY'S BIOLOGICAL MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN HE WAS FOUR.
THE BOY DID NOT TAKE EASILY TO HIS STEP-MOTHER.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU RUMI, I'D LEAVE THIS HOUSE
DON'T GO!
NO!
DON'T WORRY. WE'RE ALWAYS GONNA BE TOGETHER.
AND WHEN WE GROW UP, I'M GONNA TAKE YOU AS MY BRIDE.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY HUSBAND!

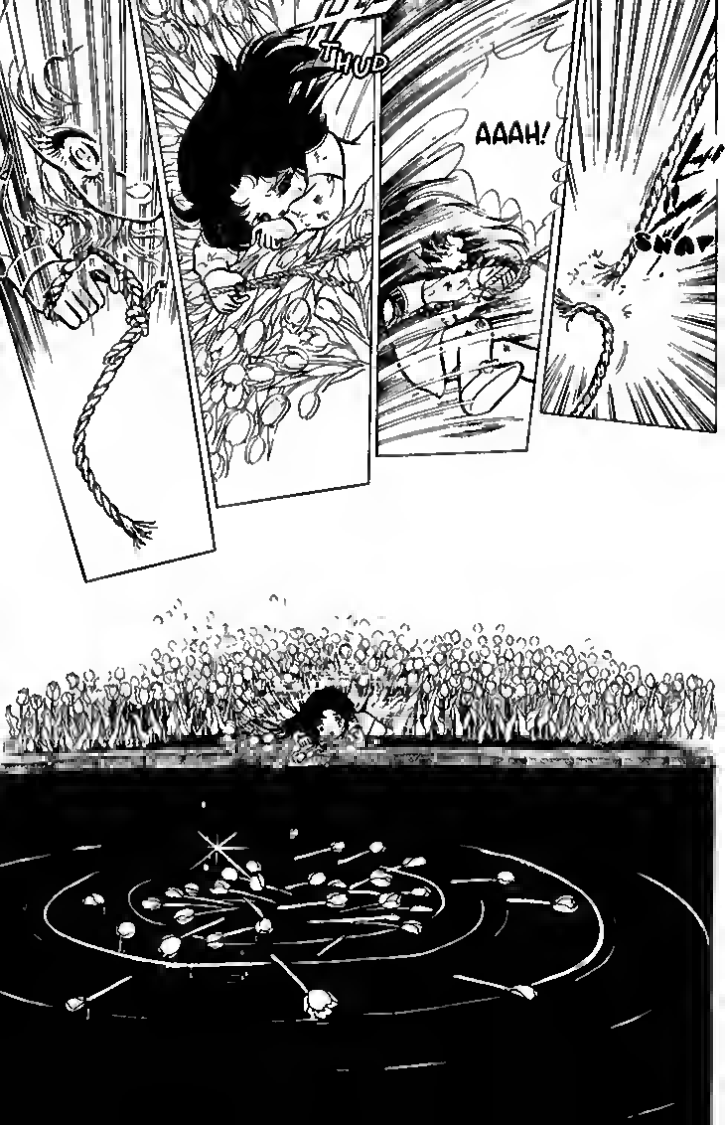
IT'S A LEAF RING. A SYMBOL OF MY PROMISE.
PINKY SWEAR!
THIS IS CALLED THE TULIP RIDE.
MY TURN!
SSSHWZZZZ
WEEEE!

I CAN'T STOP!
AAAAAHH
ACK!
TRIP


WOOOM
SPLASH
SHIIID
NO...

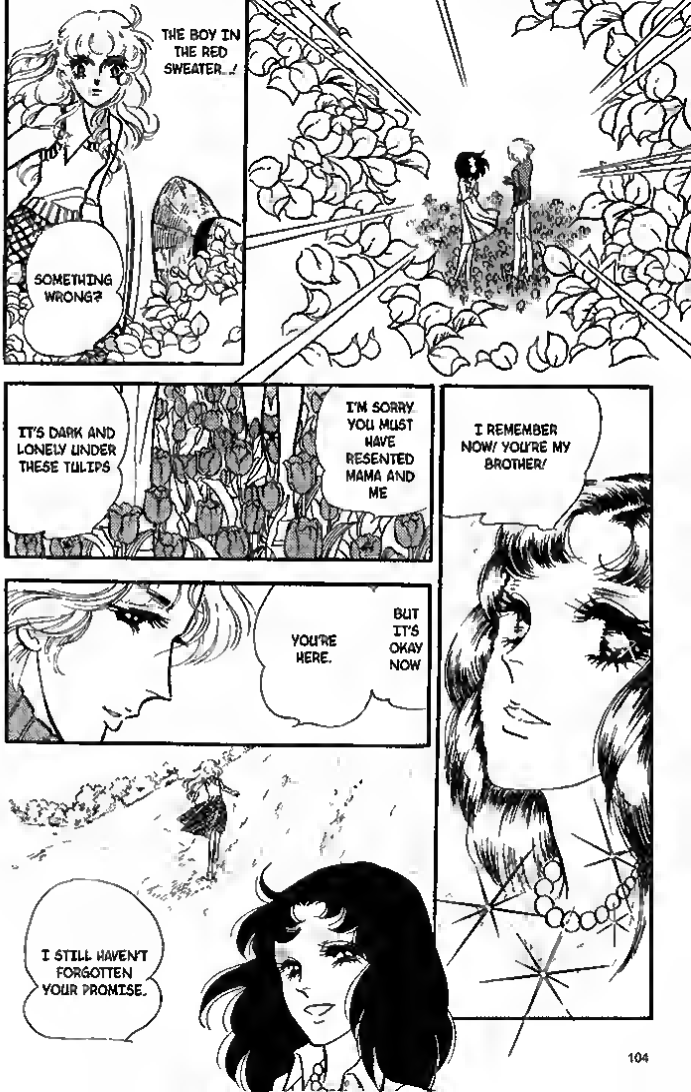
SPLASH
HE'S DROWNING! NO!!!
MAMA! HELP!
SLIDE
NO! HE'S GONNA...
SPLASH
RUMI! RUMI! LET GO OF THE ROPE!
LET GO OF THE ROPE!
COUGH
YOU'RE... YOU'RE GONNA...
NOOO!
RUMI... RUMI'S GONNA

RUMI!
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
YANK
BAM
CLANK


THUD
AAAH!

NOOO!
I COULDN'T LET RUMI.. RUMI...
FORGIVE ME HONEY. I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.
I KNOW.
THE BOY'S BODY WAS NEVER RECOVERED.
FOR SOME REASON...

THE POND WAS SEALED OVER, AND THE FATHER PLANTED A TULIP GARDEN
A TULIP GRAVE.
THE FAMILY RETURNS HERE EVERY ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY'S DEATH
THAT SHE SUBCONSCIOUSLY REPRESSED ALL HER CHILDHOOD MEMORIES.
THE POOR GIRL SUFFERED SO MUCH AT THE LOSS OF HER BROTHER ..
HAH!
IT'S STRANGE. EVEN WHEN I PLANT WHITE TULIP BULBS, THEY ALL TURN RED.
AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT HE WAS WEARING A RED SWEATER THAT DAY.
THE REPRESSED MEMORIES OF HER BROTHER SURFACED AS HATERED FOR TULIPS


THE BOY IN THE RED SWEATER...!
SOMETHING WRONG?
IT'S DARK AND LONELY UNDER THESE TULIPS
I'M SORRY YOU MUST HAVE RESENTED MAMA AND ME
I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE MY BROTHER!
YOU'RE HERE.
BUT IT'S OKAY NOW
I STILL HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR PROMISE.

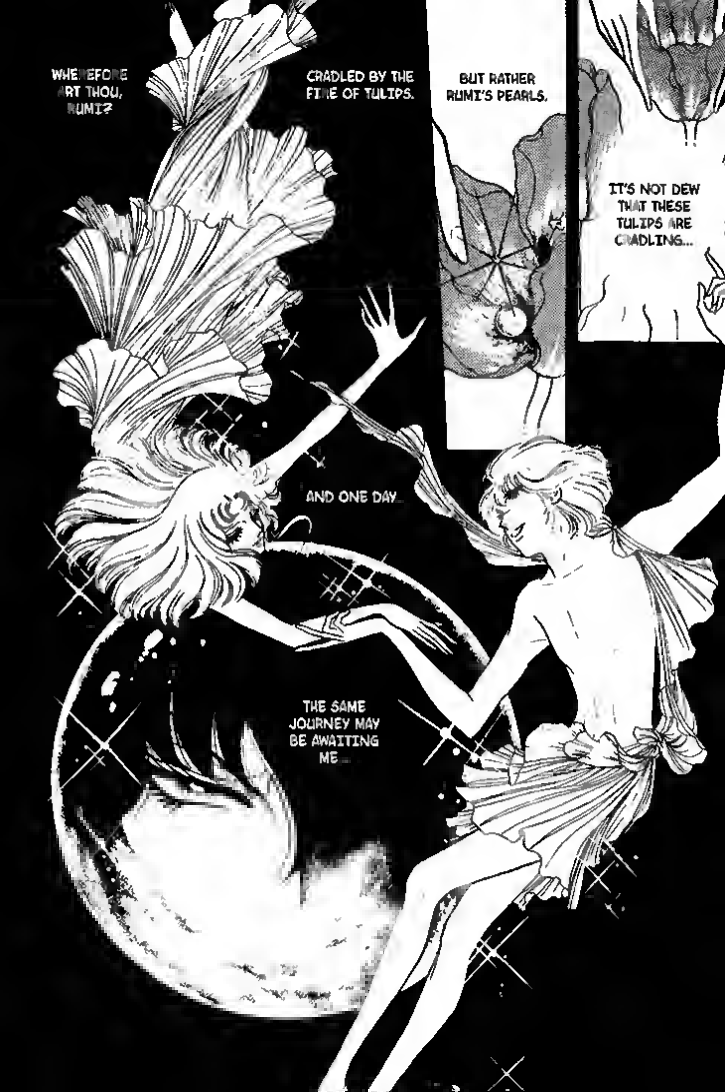
ARE YOU SURE?
THAT WE'D BE HUSBAND AND WIFE WHEN WE GREW UP
OF COURSE!
UNDER MY FAVORITE FLOWERS... WITH MY FAVORITE PERSON...
COME TO ME..!
RUMI! YOU CAN'T GO WITH HIM!

SLAM
YOU'RE GONNA SACRIFICE YOUR OWN LIFE! THAT'S THE DEAL YOU MADE WITH THE DEVIL!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHO'S THAT?
RUMI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
RUMI!

UNDER MY FAVORITE FLOWERS
WITH MY FAVORITE PERSON...

BECAUSE .. BECAUSE
NO.
RUMI SHALL NEVER RETURN TO THIS WORLD AGAIN.
THIS MUST BE A NIGHTMARE. RUMI WILL RETURN TOMORROW.
A NIGHT-MARE.


WHEREFORE ART THOU, RUMI?
CRADLED BY THE FINE OF TULIPS.
BUT RATHER RUMI'S PEARLS.
IT'S NOT DEW THAT THESE TULIPS ARE CRADLING...
AND ONE DAY...
THE SAME JOURNEY MAY BE AWAITING ME...

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